

SKY BLUE

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BOLTON WANDERERS

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A	Nottm. Forest v Southampton.....	K	Brighton v Sheffield Utd.....
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E	Ipswich v Arsenal.....	O	Newcastle v Bristol R.....
F	Leeds Utd. v Liverpool.....	P	Notts. Co. v Wrexham.....
G	Manchester C. v Aston Villa.....	Q	Oldham v Millwall.....
H	Tottenham v Norwich City.....	R	Orient v Cambridge Utd.....
I	Wolves v Derby County.....	S	Preston v West Ham.....
J	Blackburn v Fulham	T	Stoke v Sunderland.....

TODAY'S MATCH BALL

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LOOKING BACK

The two clubs did not meet in the Football League until 1964-65, an astonishing circumstance considering that Bolton were founder members of the League in 1888 and Coventry City were elected in 1919.

That first meeting in Division Two was at Burnden Park and ended in a 3-1 win for the Sky Blues. George Kirby scored two goals and a Bolton player conceded an own goal.

The return match at Highfield Road just before Christmas 1964 ended in a goalless draw.

In 1965-66 the Sky Blues lost 2-4 at Burnden with goals by George Curtis and Ronnie Rees, and at home the score finished 2-2 and Rees and Bobby Gould scored.

The following season 1966-67 was to see the parting of the way because the Sky Blues won the Second Division Championship to reach Division One for the first time in their history. Both matches ended 1-1 that season and Coventry's goals were scored by Ernie Machin and Gould.

Now Bolton are back in Division One where they have played for more than 50 of their 80 years existence.

The League game at Burnden in November was goalless — the 5th in seven contests between the clubs.

TODAYS TEAMS

COVENTRY CITY

* denotes international

COVENTRY CITY		Team Changes	Played	Goals
1	LES SEALEY		24	0
2	MICK COOP		25	0
3	BOBBY McDONALD		31	3
4	TERRY YORATH*		12	0
5	JIM HOLTON*		25	0
6	JIM HAGAN		10	0
7	ALAN GREEN		6	1
8	IAN WALLACE*		31	8
9	GARRY THOMPSON		16	6
10	ANDY BLAIR		19	0
11	TOMMY HUTCHISON*		31	3
12				

BOLTON W.

BOLTON W.		Team Changes	Played	Goals
1	JIM McDONAGH		27	0
2	PETER NICHOLSON		22	0
3	TONY DUNNE*		15	0
4	ROY GREAVES		28	1
5	PAUL JONES		21	0
6	MIKE WALSH		28	0
7	WILLIE MORGAN*		28	1
8	DAVID BURKE		16	1
9	ALAN GOWLING		26	10
10	FRANK WORTHINGTON*		28	18
11	NEIL McNAB		15	1
12				

ORANGE FLAG

A.D. BLAKE

REFEREE

BERT NEWSOME
(Broseley, Salop)

YELLOW FLAG

D. ENEFER

CITY'S WEEK

Tue March 20 Sky Blues v Manchester Utd at Highfield Rd
Sat March 24 Sky Blues v Nottm Forest at City Ground
Sat March 24 City Reserves v Aston Villa at Highfield Rd
Tue March 27 City Reserves v Everton at Highfield Rd

TOP TALK....

BEHIND THE SCENES

The question was often asked during the freeze up about what Football was doing to safeguard pitches and preventing the postponement of matches.

Often the questioners do not know what is going on behind the scenes. It so happens that earlier this week our directors met to discuss the whole problem from every angle.

We spent a long time discussing the merits and otherwise of various forms of undersoil heating, blankets to cover the pitch and heated inflated covers.

We had much to talk about. We needed to know the costs of the different systems and how efficiently they work. From my point of view I wanted to make sure that the installation of undersoil heating, for example, would not disturb the drainage beneath the Highfield Road pitch which is developing into one of the best playing surfaces in the Football League.

Three years ago we could not have said that, but now thanks to the hard work of groundsman Eddie Hartley and his son Derek, it is developing into a very good pitch. I didn't want that hard work undone by the wrong decision. There were other questions to consider. What happens for instance in the case of the deep snow we had this winter? The best undersoil heating invented cannot cope with that and a lot of surface water also creates problems for such systems.

We did not want to spend a lot of money on something which did not live up to its reputation, in other words to install a system because it was fashionable or because it seemed the thing to do.

It might also seem that we are closing the door after the horse has gone, but if we are to be ready for the next freeze up then now is the time to act.





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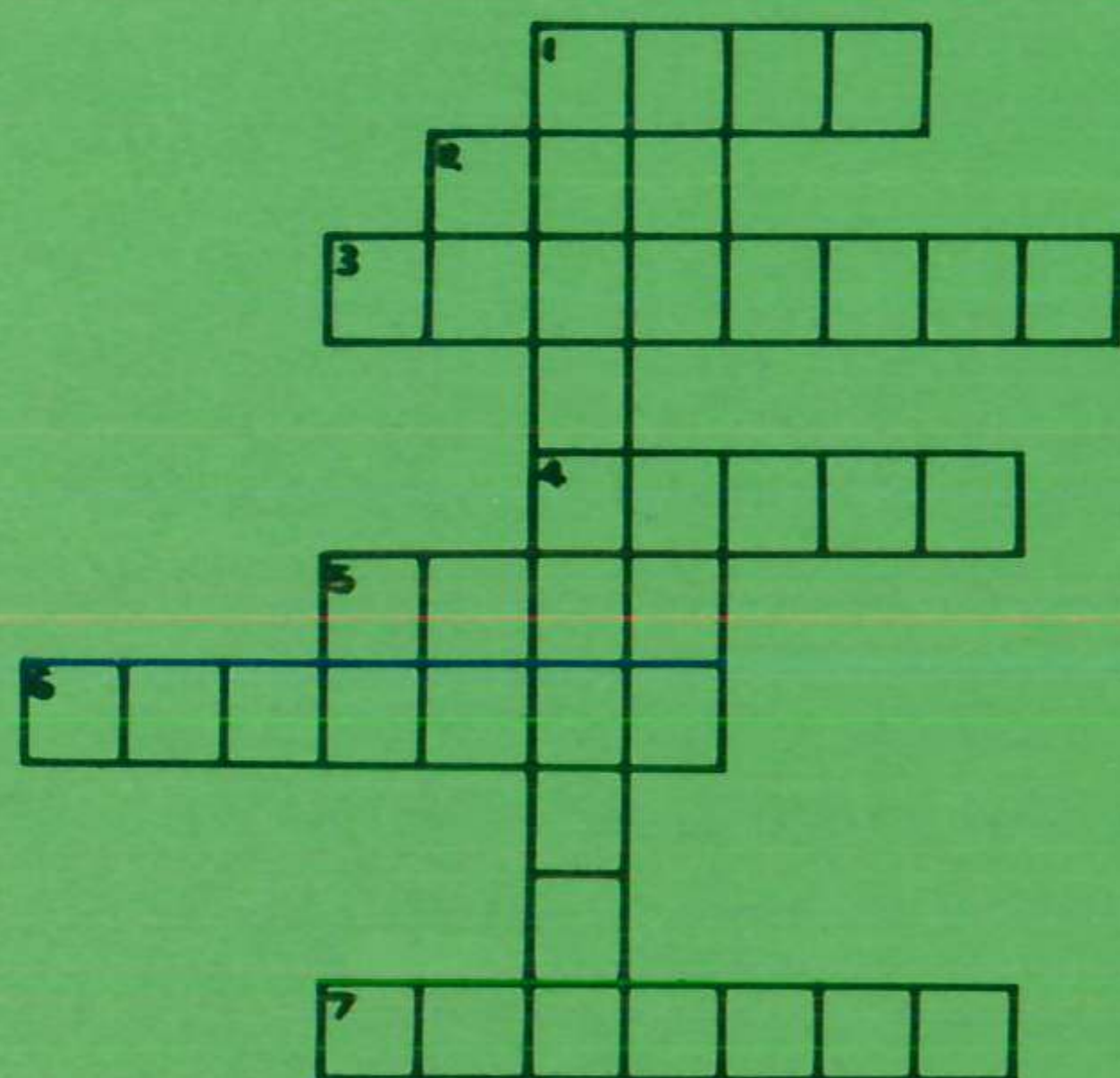
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QUICK QUIZ



SKY BLUE PUZZLE

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Down

1. Former Sky Blues goalkeeper

Across

1. He won 16 Eire caps and played for W.B.A. and Derby as well as Sky Blues.

2.&3. City director who played 150 games for club.

4. Defender with Germanic forename.

5. Unfussy goalkeeper with more than 220 Coventry appearances.

6. He played pro soccer and cricket before umpiring.

7. Former Sky Blue who has made more than 200 appearances for Notts County.

A TEST OF SKILL FOR THE SKY BLUE MEN OF THE MIDLANDS

Answer the crossword, complete the entry form and send it to:

"Crossword", Coventry City Football Club, Highfield Road, Coventry

compiled by David Peck

ACROSS

1. Where you'd discover Dalymount Park (6)
4. Striker whose 100-plus League goals were shared between Huddersfield, Oldham (twice) and WBA (4)
7. Former defender of Rangers, Palace, Plymouth, St. Mirren and Scotland (6)
8. Wolves international who moved last year to Sweden, where he was later joined by Sammy Chung (4)
9. Midfielder who became Barnsley's biggest sale when he went to West Ham (11)
12. Salonika side (4)
13. See 3 down
14. Nickname of Dumbarton (4)
15. Quick attacks from a defensive position (5)

DOWN

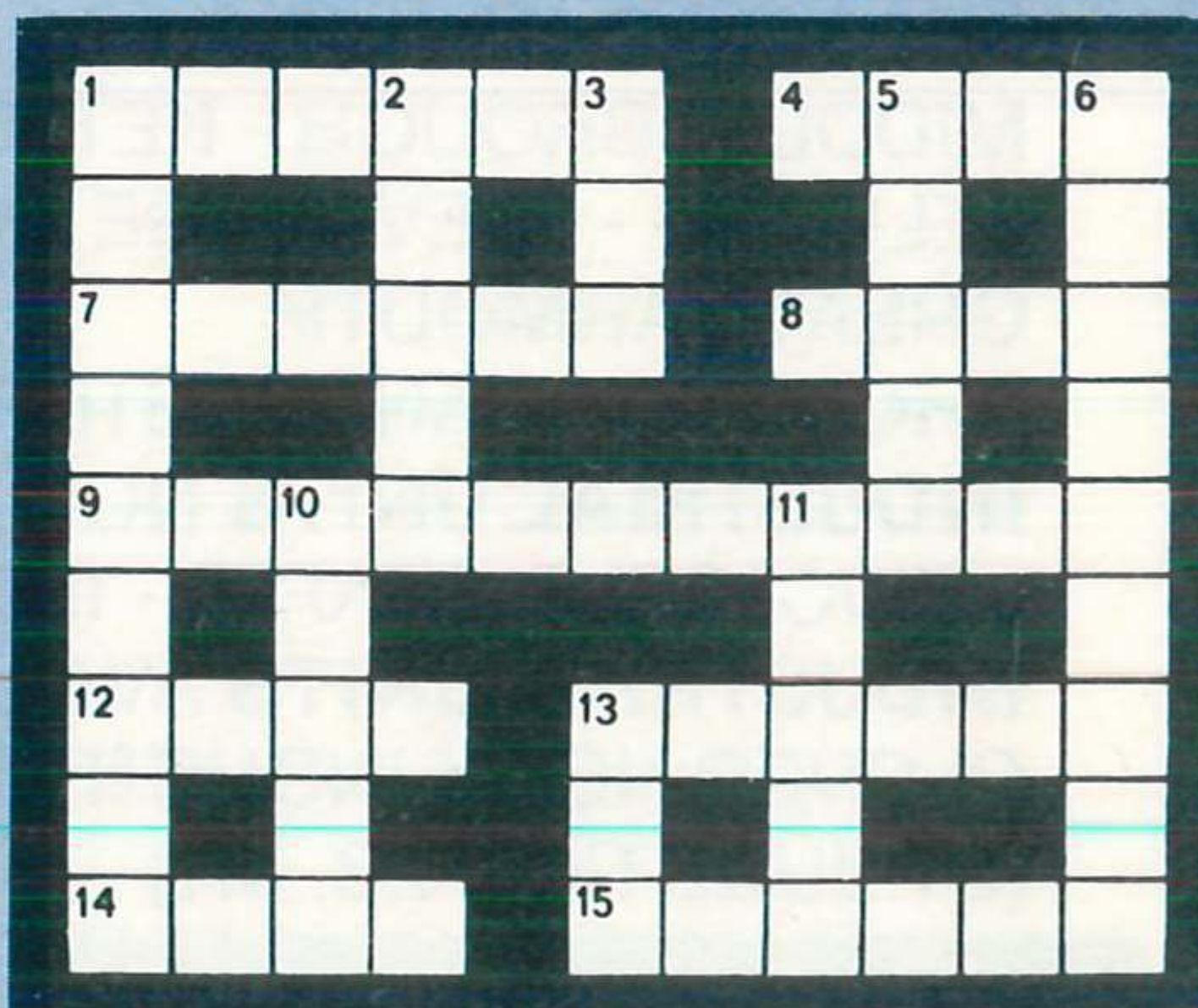
1. NASL side: Washington --- (9)
2. Equalise (5)
- 3.&13 across. Spurs are the only such winners of the F.A. Cup this century (3-6)
5. Plays the ball (but not football?) (5)
6. One of the nicknames of Airdrieonians (9)
10. The U in UEFA (5)
11. Keeper who made over 500 League appearances for Newport
13. Possibly not the most logical shot to try against, say, Corrigan or Kearns? (3)

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ROUNDABOUT

TODAY'S REFEREE

Mr Bert Newsome of Broseley in Shropshire has enough interests to fill a book. He is a New Towns Information Officer and apart from his extensive refereeing duties he spends a great deal of his time gardening, home decorating, cooking, collecting antiques and playing squash.

He began refereeing while he was in the Army and has since taken charge of two youth international matches, the Anglo-Italian competition in Italy and the Bayern Munich v Anderlecht European Super Cup match in 1976. He was linesman for the France v Spain International in Paris in 1961.

CHRYSLER FAIR PLAY LEAGUE

Bobby McDonald broke the century barrier when he chalked up an 8 points score against Liverpool. And Tommy Hutchison, a previous winner of the competition, moved up into third place with a similar score against Birmingham City.

The markings for those matches were:

Liverpool: Yorath 9, Hagan 8, Coop 8, McDonald 8, Holton 8.

Birmingham: Holton 8, Coop 8, Hutchison 8.

Fair Play League....McDonald 105, Blair 65, Hutchison 64, Powell 62, Sealey 58, Holton 57, Hagan 57, Thompson 49, Gillespie 42, Wallace 42, Yorath 41, Coop 39, Ferguson 24, Hunt 17, Osgood 8, Bannister 8.

FAN CLUB

Bobby McDonald, the Sky Blues' consistent full-back, is the latest player to have his own fan club. All those interested in joining the Bobby McDonald Fan

Club should write, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to 5, South Ridge, Allesly Park, Coventry CV5 9LL

CROSSWORD WINNER

Martin Cadman of 28, Cottesbrook Close, Ernsford Grange, Coventry wins an autographed football for the first correct solution to the cross competition in West Bromwich Albion match programme.

SKY BLUE PUZZLE

A football game goes to Robert Brown of 50, Brentwood Avenue, Finham, Coventry for sending in the first correct solution to the Sky Blue Puzzle in the West Brom. match programme.

YOUNG FANS



Four young Sky Blue fans caught in a happy mood as they watch their favourite players train at the Ryton Training Camp.

1978-79 FACTS AND FIGURES

● Substituted ★ Booked ♦ Sent-off
Goal scorers in **Bold**. Goals in brackets.

DATE	OPPONENTS	Attendance	Result	Score	Last Seasons Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sat. Aug. 19	Middlesbrough	17956	W	2-1	D1-1	Sealey	Osgood	McDonald	Yorath*	Holton*	Gillespie	Nardiello	Wallace	Ferguson(1)	Powell(1)	Hutchison	Green
Tues. Aug. 22	Nottingham Forest	28622	D	0-0	D0-0	Sealey	Osgood	McDonald	Beck	Holton*	Gillespie*	Nardiello	Wallace	Ferguson	Powell	Hutchison	Green
Sat. Aug. 26	Norwich City	20452	W	4-1	W5-4	Sealey	Osgood	McDonald	Beck (1)	Holton	Gillespie	Nardiello*	Wallace (1)	Ferguson (1)	Powell (1)	Hutchison	Bannister
Wed. Aug. 30	Chester L.C.2	8598	L	1-2		Sealey	Osgood	McDonald	Beck*	Holton*	Gillespie	Bannister	Wallace	Ferguson*	Powell	Hutchison	G. Thompson(1)
Sat. Sept. 2	Derby County	21435	W	2-0	L2-4	Sealey	Roberts	McDonald	Beck	Holton	Gillespie	Hutchison	Wallace (1)	Ferguson	Powell	Hunt (1)	Gooding
Sat. Sept. 9	Chelsea	24920	W	3-2	W5-1	Sealey	Roberts	McDonald (1)	Beck	Holton	Gillespie	Hutchison	Wallace (1)	Ferguson(1)	Powell	Hunt	Gooding
Sat. Sept. 16	Liverpool	51130	L	0-1	L0-2	Sealey	Roberts*	McDonald	Beck	Holton	Gillespie	Hutchison	Wallace*	Ferguson	Powell	Hunt	Gooding
Sat. Sept. 23	Leeds United	27365	D	0-0	D2-2	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Yorath	Holton	Gillespie	Hutchison	Wallace	Ferguson	Powell	Hunt	Gooding
Sat. Sept. 30	Tottenham Hotspur	35805	D	1-1		Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Yorath	Holton	Gillespie	Hunt	Wallace	Ferguson(1)	Powell*	Hutchison	Beck
Wed. Oct. 4	League Cup 3																
Sat. Oct. 7	Ipswich	21859	D	2-2	D1-1	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Yorath	Holton	Hagan	Hutchison	Wallace	G. Thompson(1)	Powell*	Hunt	Green(1)
Sat. Oct. 14	Manchester City	36723	L	0-2	L1-3	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Yorath	Holton	Gillespie	Hutchison	Wallace	G. Thompson	Powell	Hunt	
Sat. Oct. 21	W.B.A.	27381	L	1-7	D3-3	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Yorath	Holton*	Gillespie	Hutchison*	Wallace	Ferguson(1)	Powell	Hunt	Green
Sat. Oct. 28	Birmingham City	25446	W	2-1	W4-0	Sealey	Roberts	McDonald	Blair	Osgood	Coop*	Green	Wallace	Ferguson	Gooding	Hutchison(2)	Nardiello
Sat. Nov. 4	Bolton Wanderers	22379	D	0-0		Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Osgood	Gillespie	Green	Wallace	Ferguson	Powell	Hutchison	Roberts
Wed. Nov. 8	League Cup 4																
Sat. Nov. 11	Middlesbrough	18603	W	2-1	W2-1	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Osgood	Gillespie	Green	Wallace(1)	G. Thompson(1)	Powell	Hutchison	Nardiello
Sat. Nov. 18	Norwich City	17696	L	0-1	W2-1	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Blair*	Osgood	Gillespie	Bannister	Wallace	Thompson	Powell	Hutchison*	Hunt
Tues. Nov. 21	Derby County	20654	W	4-2	W3-1	Sealey	Roberts	McDonald(1)	Blair	Osgood	Coop	Bannister*	Wallace(2)	Thompson	Powell	Hutchison	Hunt
Sat. Nov. 25	Arsenal (1)	26787	D	1-1	L1-2	Sealey	Roberts	McDonald	Blair	Osgood	Coop	Hunt(1)	Wallace	Thompson	Powell	Hutchison	Yorath
Sat. Dec. 2	Aston Villa		Postponed		D1-1												
Sat. Dec. 9	Q.P.R.	18717	W	1-0	W4-1	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Gillespie*	Hunt	Wallace	Thompson(1)	Powell	Hutchison*	Ferguson
Wed. Dec. 13	League Cup 5																
Sat. Dec. 16	Southampton (2)	19102	L	0-4		Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Ferguson	Hunt	Wallace	Thompson	Powell	Hutchison	Gillespie
Sat. Dec. 23	Everton	22384	W	3-2	W3-2	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Dyson	Hunt(1)	Wallace(1)	Thompson(1)	Powell	Hutchison	Green
Tues. Dec. 26	Bristol City	22324	L	0-5	D1-1	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Osgood	Hunt	Wallace	Thompson	Powell	Hutchison	Gillespie
Sat. Dec. 30	Wolverhampton W.	21514	D	1-1	W3-1	Blyth*	Osgood	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Coop	Nardiello	Wallace	Thompson*	Powell	Hutchison(1)	Ferguson
Mon. Jan. 1	Manchester United		Postponed		W3-0												
Sat. Jan. 9	W.B.A. (F.A.C.3)	38046	D	2-2		Blyth	Hagan	McDonald	Blair(1)	Holton	Coop	Nardiello*	Wallace	G. Thompson	Powell	Hutchison	Green(1)
Sat. Jan. 13	Chelsea		Postponed		W2-1	Blyth	Hagan	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Coop	Nardiello*	Wallace	G. Thompson	Powell*	Hutchison	Green
Mon. Jan. 15	W.B.A. F.A.Replay)	36262	L	0-4	W1-0												
Sat. Jan. 20	Liverpool		Postponed														
Sat. Jan. 27	F.A. Cup 4																
Tues. Jan. 30	Chelsea		Postponed														
Sat. Feb. 3	Leeds United	22928	L	0-1	L0-2	Blyth	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Hagan	Yorath	Wallace	Ferguson	Powell	Hutchison	Hunt
Sat. Feb. 10	Tottenham Hotspur	25131	L	1-3		Blyth	Coop	McDonald(1)	Blair	Holton*	Hagan	Yorath	Wallace	Ferguson	Powell	Hutchison	Hunt
Sat. Feb. 17	Aston Villa		Postponed														
Wed. Feb. 21	Chelsea	15282	W	3-1		Blyth	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Hagan	Yorath	Wallace (1)	Ferguson(2)	Powell	Hutchison	Thompson
Sat. Feb. 24	Manchester City	20116	L	0-3	W4-2	Blyth	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Holton*	Hagan	Yorath	Wallace	Ferguson	Powell*	Hutchison	Thompson
Sat. Mar. 3	W.B.A.	25795	L	1-3	L1-2	Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Blair	Holton	Hagan	Green	Wallace	Thompson(1)	Powell	Hutchison	Roberts
Tues. Mar. 6	Liverpool	26629	D	0-0		Sealey	Coop	McDonald	Yorath*	Holton*	Hagan	Green	Wallace	Thompson	Powell	Hutchison	Blair
Sat. Mar. 10	Birmingham	17311	D	0-0	D1-1	Sealey	Coop	McDonald*	Yorath	Holton	Hagan	Green	Wallace	Thompson	Blair	Hutchison	Roberts
Tues. Mar. 13	Ipswich																
Sat. Mar. 17	Bolton W. (LCF)																
Tues. Mar. 20	Manchester United																
Sat. Mar. 24	Nottingham Forest				L1-2												
Sat. Mar. 31	Arsenal (SF)				D1-1												
Sat. Apr. 7	Aston Villa				L2-3												
Tues. Apr. 10	Everton				L0-6												
Sat. Apr. 14	Bristol City				D1-1												
Mon. Apr. 16	Manchester United				L1-2												
Tues. Apr. 17																	
Sat. Apr. 21	Southampton																
Sat. Apr. 28	Q.P.R.				L1-2												
Sat. May 5	Wolverhampton W.				W4-0												
Mon. May 7	Aston Villa																
Sat. May 12	F.A. Cup Final																

1978/79 FIRST DIVISION TABLE

		HOME							AWAY						
		Goals							Goals						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
1	Liverpool	27	12	1	0	35	3	7	4	3	23	7	43		
2	Everton	30	10	5	1	25	10	5	6	3	17	16	41		
3	Arsenal	29	9	5	2	28	13	6	3	4	19	12	38		
4	Leeds	30	7	3	4	28	15	7	7	2	26	20	38		
5	WBA	25	6	3	2	24	10	9	3	2	28	15	36		
6	Nottm.For.	25	5	6	0	13	6	5	7	2	16	11	33		
7	Man.Utd.	27	6	4	4	19	19	6	3	4	21	24	31		
8	Aston Villa	26	4	6	2	16	12	5	5	4	16	11	29		
9	Southampton	28	8	5	2	26	12	2	4	7	8	20	29		
10	Norwich	29	6	8	2	22	13	0	9	4	18	30	29		
11	Coventry	29	7	5	3	24	21	3	4	7	10	25	29		
12	Tottenham	28	6	3	5	14	20	4	6	4	17	23	29		
13	Bristol City	31	7	4	4	25	16	3	4	9	10	23	28		
14	Ipswich	28	6	3	6	22	17	5	2	6	14	18	27		
15	Man. City	28	4	4	6	20	22	4	6	4	20	14	26		
16	Middlesbro	28	5	3	5	21	15	3	3	9	17	24	22		
17	Derby	28	6	4	5	19	19	2	2	9	10	29	22		
18	Bolton	26	6	3	3	21	14	1	3	10	11	33	20		
19	Wolves	28	6	2	6	15	21	2	2	10	11	28	20		
20	Q.P.R.	29	3	7	6	16	23	1	3	9	10	22	18		
21	Chelsea	28	2	3	8	13	26	2	4	9	16	32	15		
22	Birmingham	29	4	4	6	18	18	0	1	14	7	27	13		

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

	Lge	Gls	L.C.	Gls	F.A.	Gls
Sealey	24	—	1	—	—	—
Osgood	11	—	1	—	—	—
McDonald	29	3	1	—	2	—
Yorath	12	—	—	—	—	—
Holton	23	—	1	—	2	—
Gillespie	14	—	1	—	—	—
Nardiello	4	—	—	—	2	—
Wallace	29	8	1	—	2	—
Ferguson	16(1)	7	1	—	—	—
Powell	27	3	1	—	2	—
Hutchison	29	3	1	—	2	—
Green	6(4)	1	—	—	(2)	1
Beck	5(1)	1	1	—	—	—
Bannister	2(1)	—	—	—	—	—
Roberts	6(1)	—	—	—	—	—
Hunt	13(2)	3	—	—	—	—
Thompson	14	5	(1)	1	2	—
Hagan	8	—	—	—	2	—
Blair	17	—	—	—	2	1
Coop	23	—	—	—	2	—
Gooding	1	—	—	—	—	—
Dyson	1	—	—	—	—	—
Blyth	5	—	—	—	2	—

(Appearances as substitute in brackets)

FIRST DIVISION HOT SHOTS (Cup goals in brackets)

22 Stapleton (Arsenal) (9); 19 Latchford (Everton) (9); 18 A. Brown (W.B.A.) (6); 17 Dalglish (Liverpool) (3); 16 Brady (Arsenal) (4); Worthington (Bolton) (2), Birtles (Nottm For.) (8) 15 Mariner (Ipswich) (3), J. Greenhoff, (Man Utd.) (5); 14 Regis (W.B.A.) (3) King (Everton) (4); 13 Kidd (Man. City) (6), Hawley (Leeds) (1), Peters (Norwich) (2), Cunningham (W.B.A.) (6), T. Brown (W.B.A.) (3).

CENTRAL LEAGUE TABLE

1978/79

	P	W	D	L	Goals		Pts
					F	A	
Liverpool	30	22	4	4	67	24	48
Man.Utd.	26	15	7	4	52	25	37
Stoke	25	14	6	5	42	31	34
Man.City	25	14	5	6	43	27	33
W.B.A.	27	12	8	7	49	32	32
Notts.For.	23	12	4	7	48	30	28
Wolves	24	10	8	6	46	25	28
Coventry	28	11	6	11	54	56	28
Leeds	27	8	12	7	30	30	28
Everton	26	11	5	10	26	28	27
Aston Villa	23	11	4	8	42	27	26
Derby	25	10	6	9	44	38	26
Newcastle	26	10	6	10	34	43	26
Burnley	25	10	4	11	25	30	24
Sheff.Utd.	26	9	6	11	37	47	24
Bolton	24	8	6	10	35	45	22
Blackburn	25	4	9	12	31	47	17
Sheff.W.	23	6	4	13	34	47	16
Huddersfield	23	5	6	12	26	41	16
Blackpool	23	6	3	14	24	39	15
Bury	24	3	3	18	31	66	9
Preston	24	2	4	18	26	68	8

CENTRAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES

	Apps	Gls		Apps	Gls
Murcott	10	—	Hateley	3(1)	1
Oakey	7	—	Blyth	13	—
V.Thomas	15	—	Coop	5	—
Beck	4	3	Jacobs	7	—
Dyson	23	3	Whitton	7(3)	2(1p)
Hagan	15	—	Osgood	10	1
P.Thompson	11(3)	—	Yorath	7	2
Wilson	9	—	English	3	2
G.Thompson	12	5	Cooper	4	—
Gooding	16	3(1p)	Nardiello	14	2
Bannister	14(1)	6	McGrellis	7	3
Haywood	3(1)	1	Gillespie	7	—
Roberts	11	—	Hunt	6	1
Phillips	4	—	Ferguson	5	—
Green	16	8	Holton	1	—
Blair	11	—	Sealey	4	—

(Appearances as substitute in brackets)

ACTION~ACTION~



ACTION-ACTION

Left: Wile to the rescue for Albion as Ian Wallace and Alan Green close in. Albion's new £500,000 signing David Mills is also back helping.

Bottom: Alan Green lobs the ball over Liverpool's goalkeeper Ray Clemence but the whistle has gone for offside.

Right: Garry Thompson beats Liverpool's Alan Hansen in this aerial battle.

Pictures by Martin Cleaver of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.



WELCOME



Front: Ray Train (now Watford), Neil Whatmore, Roy Greaves, Peter Reid, John Ritson, Tony Dunne.
Middle: Ian Greaves (Manager), Terry Poole, Sam Allardyce, Jim McDonagh, Frank Worthington, George Mulhall (assistant manager), Jim Hedridge (physiotherapist).
Back: Peter Nicholson, Alan Gowling, Mike Walsh, Paul Jones.

BOLTON WANDERERS

Bolton Wanderers are making their first visit to Highfield Road for 12 years, which is unusual for such a great club steeped in football history.

They were founder members of the Football League in the 1880s and have since played 53 seasons in the First Division.

This famous Northern club won the F.A. Cup in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958 but they have still to win the First Division Championship.

They dropped into the Third Division for the first time in their history in 1970-71 but two years later were promoted as champions.

Last season they won the Second Division title after twice finishing in third place.

Managed by Ian Greaves they have made steady progress this season, helped by 16 goals Frank Worthington, their England international striker. Bolton's squad this afternoon is as follows:

Jim McDonagh in goal, joined Wanderers two seasons ago on loan from Rotherham and impressed so much that he was signed for £10,000. Won the first team place from Barry Siddall and has kept it since.

Tony Dunne, is an Eire international who began his career with Manchester Utd., with whom he won a European Cup Medal.

"TROTTERS"

David Burke made his senior debut earlier this season at the age of 18. Can play full back or midfield.

Paul Jones is a tall quick tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. A commanding player who seems destined for further representative honours.

Sam Allardyce joined Wanderers straight from school and has held a regular place since winning a first team place in 1975. He is dangerous at set pieces in attack.

Manchester born Mike Walsh is another product of the youth scheme and is proficient in midfield or the back four.

Peter Nicholson signed from Blackpool for a small fee in 1971 and has been a bargain. He can play anywhere in defence and had a longspell at full back last season.

The long serving Roy Greaves has been awarded a testimonial for his service to the club.

Neil McNab became Bolton's record signing when he arrived from Spurs at the end of September for £250,000. A small man with a fierce tackle, he has settled in quickly and has already proved to be a big asset.

Willie Morgan is one of the best known names in the First Division. He started his career with Burnley, then moved on to Manchester Utd. at a big fee, switched back to Burnley and was signed on a free transfer by Wanderers three seasons ago. A Scottish international.

Neil Whatmore was the top Second Division striker two seasons ago with 31 goals in League and League Cup games. He scored 22 goals last season to play his part in helping Bolton to win promotion.

Frank Worthington is well into double figures and is being tipped to add to his 8 England caps.

Alan Gowling, took over from Worthington as Wanderers' record signing when he cost £120,000 from Newcastle Utd. just before last season's deadline. He began his career with Manchester Utd. and went to Huddersfield when Bolton boss Ian Greaves was manager there. Went to Newcastle four years ago for a fee around £70,000 and teamed up successfully with Malcolm "Supermac" Macdonald.

Peter Reid is a Merseyside youngster who skippered the England Under-21 team last season. A constructive player who reads the game well and is a fine passer of the ball.

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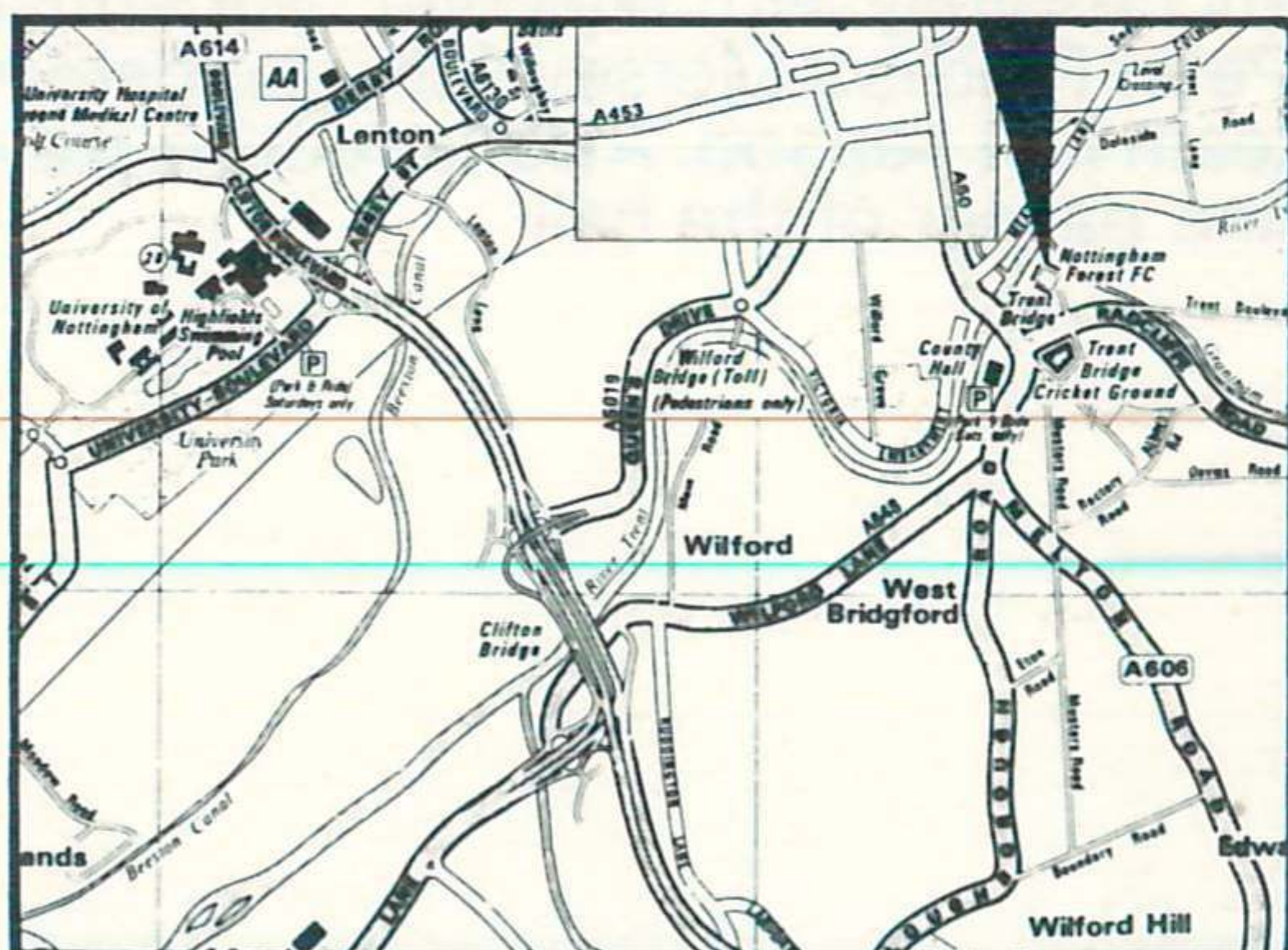
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DANGER MAN

FRANK WORTHINGTON

Frank Worthington has had ups and downs in a career extending almost 15 seasons, but he is currently showing the sort of form which has had pundits suggesting that he could be the man to add punch to the England attack.

It is hard to believe, when you see Frank's sharpness up front, that he first linked up with Huddersfield way back in 1965. Two years later he had won a regular place in Town's Second Division side that contained Chris Cattlin and Derek Parkin.

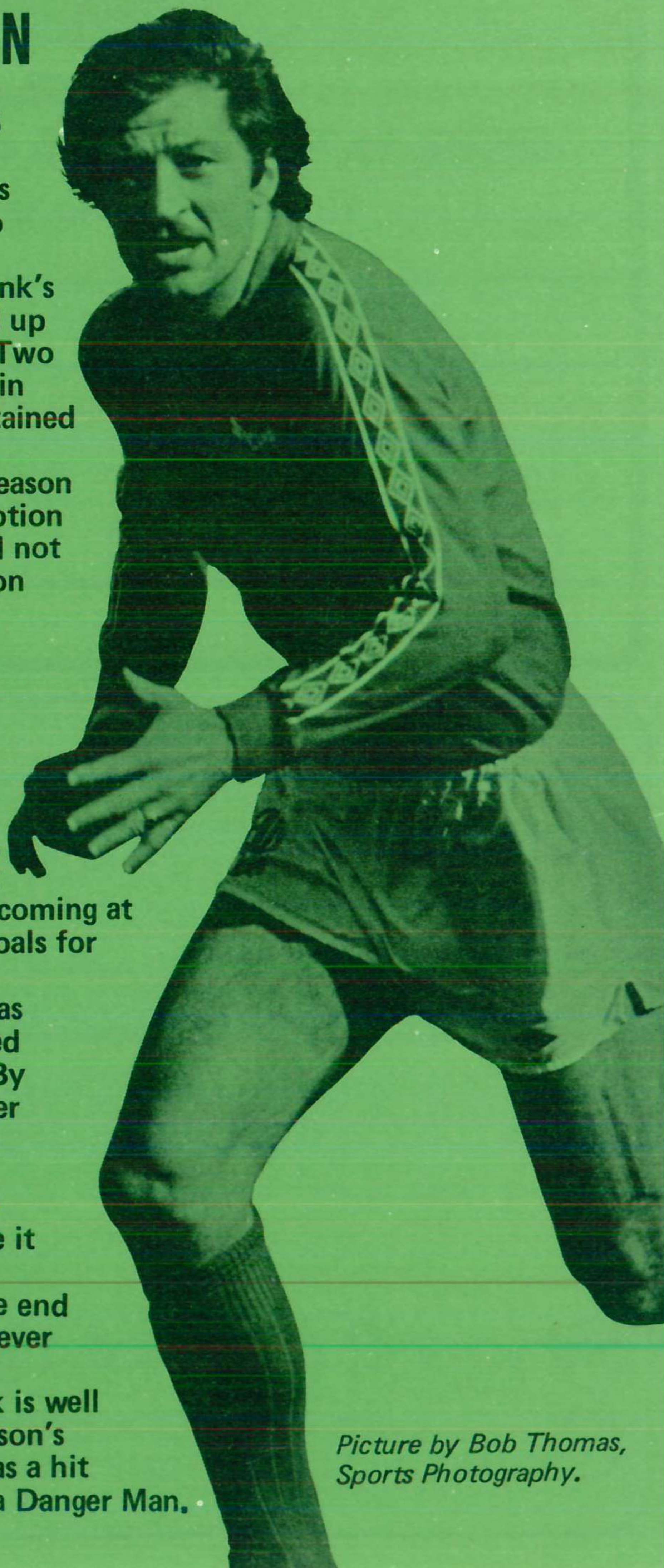
In 1969-70 he scored 20 goals in the season and helped Huddersfield to win promotion to the First Division. Though goals did not flow quite so freely in the First Division nevertheless he won his first England Under-23 cap, scoring on his debut against Poland.

Soon afterwards Frank moved to Leicester City where from his debut he played well over 100 consecutive games and won a full England cap against Northern Ireland in May 1974. Within a month he was scoring against Argentina and Bulgaria, the successes coming at the end of an excellent season of 24 goals for Leicester.

Though there were rumours that he was unsettled at Filbert Street he continued to play regularly and to find the net. By the time he joined Bolton in September 1977 he had scored over 80 goals for Leicester in 5 years.

Although the reported fee of £85,000 was a record for Wanderers at the time it turned out to be a bargain price for a player who had scored 12 times by the end of that season in which Bolton were never out of the top three.

Now, back in the First Division, Frank is well on the way to beating his previous season's best of 24. His record marks him out as a hit man to compare with the best. Truly a Danger Man.



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FANS CROSSWORD

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1. Sky Blues striker (4-8)
3. Albions 'Pele' (6-10)
6. Villa striker (4)
8. Sky Blue top scorer (3-7)
11. Leeds full back (9)
13. Southampton defender (5)
15. B'ham central defender (9)
16. Bristol City No. 5 (7)
18. Coventry winger (9)
21. After 90 min. (3)
25. 1978 F.A. Cup winners (7-4)

ACROSS

2. Ipswich full back (5)
4. Goals ----- and against (3)
5. Coventry striker (5)
7. Wolves midfield star (4)
9. Albion full back (6)
10. Keep them on the ball (4)
- 12.
14. Sky Blues and Chelsea have one (6)
15. Leeds winger (6)
16. W.B.A. and Villa Boss (3)
17. Villa emblem (4)
19. See 6 down (4)
20. Another name for kit (4)
22. Young Villa forward (6)
23. See 18 down
24. Arsenal full back (4)
26. Bristol City midfield star (4)

PEN PAL WANTED

Fifteen years old Jorg Jacob of West Germany wants to correspond with a Sky Blues fan. Jorg writes: "I like English football very much. It is much more exciting than our football. Since I saw Liverpool fans in Dusseldorf last year I have been fascinated by the way English supporters help their teams. I would like a pen pal about 15 or 16 years. I am willing to swap magazines and souvenirs. I love Coventry City as well as Liverpool and Wolves." Anyone wishing to help Jorg should write to him at Rodenbach, Au Kirlenweg, 6342 Haiger, West Germany.

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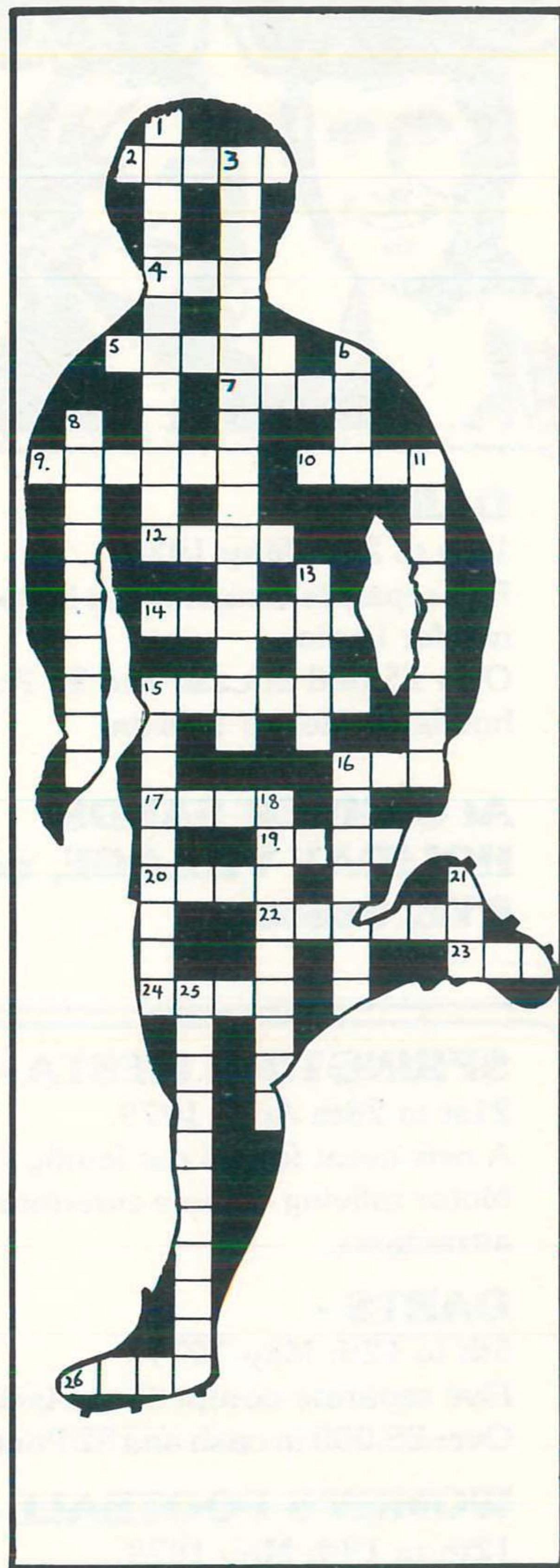
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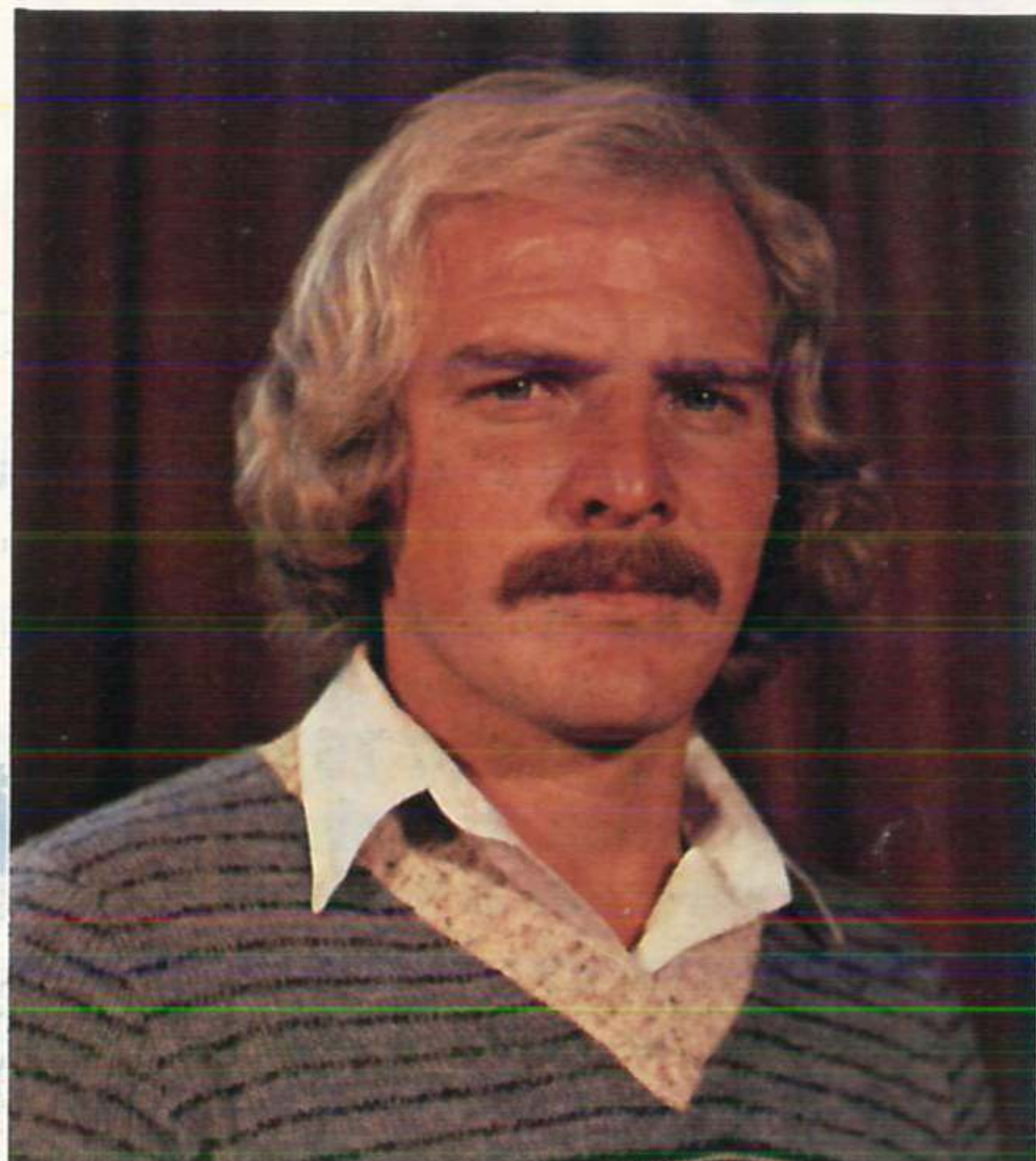
GRAHAM OAKLEY

24 years old Graham Oakley was voted "Player of the Year" by the Sky Blues' supporters in 1974-75 but then he had the cruel luck to miss 13 months of action through a knee injury. Now he is back playing again in the reserves. To date he has made 87 first team appearances.



Full Name:	Graham Oakley
Birthplace:	Worcester
Height:	5 feet 7 inches
Weight:	10 stone
Previous Clubs:	None
Joined Coventry City:	1970
Transfer Fee:	None
Married:	Yes
Wife's Name:	Allison
Car:	Vauxhall Chevette
Best Friend in Club:	All Good Friends
Favourite Current Player:	Derek Statham
Favourite Past Player:	George Best
Favourite Other Team:	Kidderminster Harriers
Best Country Visited:	U.S.A.
Medals:	Southern Junior Floodlit Cup Winners
Hobbies:	Music
Biggest Influence on Career:	Coventry Coaching Staff
Favourite Music:	Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Ry Cooder
Forecast -	
Division One Champions:	West Bromwich Albion
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Division One Top Scorer:	Stapleton
Favourite T.V. Show:	Fawlty Towers
Favourite Actors:	Oliver Reed
Favourite Singer:	Van Morrison
Dislikes:	Injuries
Dissappointments:	Being out 13 months injured
Likes:	Playing Football and Music
Ambition:	To Regain 1st Team Place
Favourite Other Ground:	Aggborough
Favourite Comedian:	John Cleese
Who would you most like to meet:	Eric Clapton
Favourite Holiday Resort:	Tenby, S. Wales
Favourite Hotel:	Leofric
Favourite Drink:	Coke

TERRY'S TALES



DETERMINED YOUNGSTER

I would like to give a big welcome today to 16 years old Michael Lynch from Perth, Australia, who saved up his air fare to come to England to try to make the grade as a professional footballer.

Michael has been training with us for a couple of weeks.

He tells me his Dad is Irish, his Mum comes from New Zealand and they gave him half the £400 air fare to help him to England.

He has lots of courage and he is a lesson to some of our English lads who tend to take things for granted when they arrive at football clubs.

Michael is staying with his uncle in Holbrooks, Coventry and he is so determined to become a professional footballer that he says if he does not make it here, he will keep on trying other clubs until he gets what he wants. That sort of perserverance deserves success.

It will be a happy reunion on the field this afternoon for Frank Worthington and me. When I was a young player at Leeds, Frank was in Huddersfield's youth team 10 miles up the road. We have played against each other loads of times.

Bolton started the season well but have slipped lately. Like most clubs who come up into the First Division they have found it hard but I wish them all the best in the future.

It was nice to see us stop our little slide against Liverpool at Highfield Road, after that performance I thought we would beat Birmingham last Saturday but we had to be content with one point.

Our youth team is in action at Derby County on Monday in the replay of their F.A. Youth Cup match. Our lads did not play too well in the original game but I was pleased to see that they were disappointed with themselves. They knew they could play better and we hope they can win at Derby. That's all for now, See you here on Tuesday for the United game.

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